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Dear Sir:

In connection with the above-identified application, Applicants attach a copy of the PCT International Preliminary Report on Patentability dated November 29, 2006 and Translation of the Written Opinion of the related PCT patent application. Applicants are not submitting copies of the references as they are already of record in this case. The claims in the present application are believed to be patentably distinguished over these references.

This information disclosure statement is being made pursuant to the duty of disclosure imposed by law and formulated in 37 CFR §1.56(A). No representation is made that the information thus disclosed in fact constitutes prior art or that it is the closest prior art, inasmuch as 37 CFR §1.56(A) relies on a materiality concept which depends on subjectivity.

In compliance with the requirements of 37 CFR §1.98(a)(3), as a concise statement of relevance, as it is presently understood by the individual designated in 35 U.S.C. §1.56(c) most knowledgeable about the content of the information, the undersigned attorney of record submits

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a copy of a PCT Preliminary Report on Patentability and Translation of the Written Opinion in a related PCT application in which the references were cited. The relevance to the pending U.S. patent application is that the references were cited in a PCT patent application on the same subject matter. However, no independent analysis of the references, the accuracy of the statement of the PCT examiner or the claims of the PCT application under the laws of the United States relative to the subject matter claimed in the present application has been made; the present understanding of the contents thereof by the undersigned being based on the PCT Examiner's comments submitted herewith.

This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted within three months of receipt of the PCT Preliminary Report on Patentability and Translation of the Written Opinion, as certified in the attached Certification for Information Disclosure Statement. Therefore, we believe that there are no fees involved with this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement. However, in the event there are any fees payable, please charge them to our Deposit Account No. 08-1391.

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STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97(e) ACCOMPANYING INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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This is a statement under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97(e) in the above-identified application.

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